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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 2, 7, 10, 16, 18-19, 22-27, and 38-41 have been cancelled.
2. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-9, 11-15, 17, 20-21, and 28-37 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appear below. Should the change and/or additions be unacceptable to the Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of issue fee.

Authorization for examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brian Tucker, Reg. No. 61,550 on May 15, 2010 to put the case in condition for allowance.

The Claims are amended, as presented below, to adopt the changes provided by Applicant's representative on May 15, 2010.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The listings of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application as follows:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:.

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1. (Currently Amended) A client system that facilitates source code control, comprising:
a processor; and
one or more physical computer readable storage media operatively coupled to the processor,
the computer-readable storage media having stored thereon computer executable instructions that,
when executed by the processor, are configured to implement the client system, including:

a client-side client workspace that stores at least one source code file downloaded
from a server-side source control repository that maintains state information for one or
more source code files stored in the repository, the client workspace enabling a user of the
client system to checkout the source code file for modification by the user and to store the
source code file when modified;

a client-side client source code control component that tracks an activity associated
with a modification of the source code file in the client workspace when the client is in an
offline mode, and that transmits the activity during an update process when the client moves
to an online mode, the client source code control component comprising:

a file cache that stores a pristine copy of the source code file in an
unmodified state in response to the source code file being checked out for
modification from the client-side client workspace; and

an activity list that stores the activity, the activity comprising one or more
commands executed against the source code file during the offline mode and
associated with the modification; and

wherein the client-side client source code control component is configured to
interface with a server-side server source code control component to facilitate transfer of the
activity and update of the source code file to the server-side source control repository,

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wherein one of the client-side client source code control component or the server-side server source code control component checks for an error during the update process and determines whether the update can proceed or must be aborted in part or whole.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The client system of claim 1, wherein the source code file stored in the file cache remains in an unmodified state.
4. (Previously Presented) The client system of claim 1, wherein contents of the file cache are maintained in both the offline mode and online mode of the client.
5. (Previously Presented) The client system of claim 1, wherein the client workspace stores all source code files that have been at least one of modified and deleted.
6. (Previously Presented) The client system of claim 1, wherein the client downloads the source code file from the server-side source control repository before the client moves to the offline mode.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously Presented) The client system of claim 1, wherein the file cache also stores at least one of pending change set data, a file type definition, and a site-specific help file.
9. (Previously Presented) The client system of claim 1, wherein an error is resolved during a reconciliation process of the activity to the source code file before the source code file can be updated with the modification.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Previously Presented) The client system of claim 1, wherein the source code file is downloaded into the client workspace before the client moves to the offline mode.

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12. (Previously Presented) The client system of claim 1, wherein a pristine copy of the source code file is automatically loaded into a client file cache in response to a checkout-related command being executed.
13. (Previously Presented) The client system of claim 1, wherein the activity list stores the activity in an arbitrary order which need not be sequential, such that the client checks the activity list for an error during the update process and determines whether to transmit the activity list when the client moves to the online mode or to abort a part or all of the update process.
14. (Previously Presented) The client system of claim 1, wherein the source code file stored in the file cache remains in an unmodified state, and is a file that has been at least one of modified and deleted in the client workspace.
15. (Previously Presented) The client system of claim 1, wherein the source code file is stored in the file cache of the client during a checkout process that is executed when the client is in one of the offline mode and the online mode.
16. (Canceled)
17. (Previously Presented) The client system of claim 1, wherein the activity is persisted to a server to update a server source code file associated with the source code file during an update process associated with the online mode.
- 18-19. (Canceled)
20. (Previously Presented) The client system of claim 1, further comprising a classifier that automates a source code control feature by making an inference based on data associated with at least one of the online mode and the offline mode.

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21. (Previously Presented) In a network comprising a client system that facilitates course code control, a computer program product for implementing a method of tracking and reconciling offline file editing and enforcing file security, the computer program product comprising one or more physical computer-readable storage media having stored thereon computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a processor, cause the client system to perform the following::

establishing a client workspace to store a plurality of source code files, the client workspace established to allow a user of the client to checkout a source code file for modification by the user and to store the source code file when modified;

downloading a copy of a remote source code file from a server source code control repository to the client workspace;

moving the client system to an offline mode;
executing one or more commands to checkout the source code file in the client workspace for editing by the user, and in response to the checkout commands, caching a pristine copy of the source code file in a client file cache, wherein the pristine copy is usable in the offline mode to facilitate undo and difference processes;

modifying the source code file in the client workspace by executing one or more commands against the source code file;

storing activity data in an activity list, which activity data includes the one or more commands executed against the source code file;

moving the client system to an online mode;

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performing an error check to determine if a security error exists, including:
determining if the remote source code file is locked; and

determining if an administrator has disallowed an update process;
reconciling the activity data with the remote source code file by transmitting the
activity data to the server to update the remote source code file if no security error is
detected;

resolving any conflicts that occur during the reconciliation process; and

uploading the modified source code file to the server source code control
repository when any conflicts have been resolved.

22-27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) At a client system that facilitates source code control, a
method of tracking and reconciling offline file editing and enforcing file security, the method
comprising acts of:

establishing a client workspace to store a plurality of source code files, the client
workspace established to allow a user of the client to checkout a source code file for
modification by the user and to store the source code file when modified;

downloading a copy of a remote source code file from a server source code
control repository to the client workspace;

moving the client system to an offline mode;
executing one or more commands to checkout the source code file in the client

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workspace for editing by the user, and in response to the checkout commands, caching a pristine copy of the source code file in a client file cache, wherein the pristine copy is usable in the offline mode to facilitate undo and difference processes;

modifying the source code file in the client workspace by executing one or more commands against the source code file;

storing activity data in an activity list, which activity data includes the one or more commands executed against the source code file;

moving the client system to an online mode;

performing an error check to determine if a security error exists, including:

determining if the remote source code file is locked; and

determining if an administrator has disallowed an update process;

reconciling the activity data with the remote source code file by transmitting the activity data to the server to update the remote source code file if no security error is detected;

resolving any conflicts that occur during the reconciliation process; and

uploading the modified source code file to the server source code control repository when any conflicts have been resolved.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising storing information at the client before entering the offline mode.

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30. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising updating a checkout record at the server during the online mode.

31. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising issuing a command to enter the offline mode, and a corresponding command to enter the online mode.

32. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising issuing a command that includes a URL to a workspace.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further comprising:

checking out a source code file during the act of downloading, which is during the online mode.

34. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising:

detecting an error during the offline mode;

presenting an error message associated with the error; maintaining the client in the offline mode in response to detecting the error; and allowing

the client to move to the online mode after the error has been resolved.

35. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising imposing permissions required for the offline mode, during the online mode.

36. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising caching at the client at least one of unmodified files, pending change set information, file type definitions, and site-specific help files.

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37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further comprising reapplying a checkout process to the server when at least one of a checkout was cancelled at the server when the client was offline and a checkout was performed offline on the client after the source code file was downloaded to the client without the checkout process issued to the server during the online mode.

38-41. (Canceled)

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Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As applicant pointed out under Remark section, pages 9-10, Lin et al. (US 2005/0091226), taken either singly and/or in combination with other cited prior arts, do not teach the combined functional limitations of a client-side client source code control component that tracks an activity associated with a modification of the source code file in the client workspace when the client is in an offline mode, and that transmits the activity during an update process when the client moves to an online mode, the client source code control component comprising: a file cache that stores a pristine copy of the source code file in an unmodified state in response to the source code file being checked out for modification from the client-side client workspace; and an activity list that stores the activity, the activity comprising one or more commands executed against the source code file during the offline mode and associated with the modification; and wherein the client-side client source code control component is configured to interface with a server-side server source code control component to facilitate transfer of the activity and update of the source code file to the server-side source control repository, wherein the client-side client source code control component is configured to interface with a server-side server source code control component to facilitate transfer of the activity and update of the source code file to the server-side source control repository, wherein one of the client-side client source code control component or the server-side server source code control component checks for an error during the update process and determines whether the update can proceed or must be aborted in part or whole, as recited in such manners in each of independent claims 1, 21, and 28.

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Prior arts of record do not teach and/or suggest these claimed limitations, thus, all remaining pending claims 1, 3-6, 8-9, 11-15, 17, 20-21, and 28-37 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ISAAC T. TECKLU whose telephone number is (571)272-7957. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 9:300A - 8:00P.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam can be reached on (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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